

MY WATER STAINS LAUNDRY BLACK OR BROWN

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| Manganese or Manganese and Iron See Iron in Drinking Water brochure. | Possibly, if levels are very high. Manganese is a necessary mineral for good health and there is not a primary drinking water standard for manganese. There is however, a nuisance standard for manganese. Also, EPA has issued a health advisory for manganese . See the Department of Health Fact Sheets . | Do you have black specks in your water? When you rub the specks between your fingers, does it leave a black powder? Do you have dark stains on plumbing fixtures? | Test your water for manganese and iron. Contact a laboratory certified by DNR to test for manganese and iron . | Install a Dept. of Commerce approved water treatment device. Devices are listed under contaminants they will remove. | Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws . Be sure the treatment device chosen is capable of removing the amount of manganese and iron you have in your water. | No | University of Wisconsin Extension National Ground Water Association Water Systems Council National Sanitation Foundation |